

REPORTED DEATH OF VILLA STIRS U. S., BUT EXPEDITION CONTINUES PENDING PROOFS

Outlaw Said to Have Died Two Weeks Ago From Wounds and Burial Place Betrayed by Ex-Villista. Suspect Ruse to Halt Chase

Consul Letcher Instructed to Identify Corpse, Reported on Way to Chihuahua City—Baker Declares Plans to Catch Bandit Will Not Be Altered—Supplies Sent to Pershing

WASHINGTON, April 17.—One American trooper in Colonel Howze's command in Mexico has been killed and two others wounded in clashes with Villistas, according to a report reaching the War Department today from General Funston.

"Have passed south southeast to Balloza Valley. Turned toward Parral. Had several brushes with Villistas. Our casualties, Kirby, Troop M, killed; Petroski and Clinton, Troop E, wounded. At five miles from Parral I met messengers with information of Colonel Brown and Major Tompkins' trouble. I will await orders and connect with them. I believe Villa with small band went into mountains southwest of Borja. Ira A. Raber, first lieutenant signal corps, landed safe but wrecked machine."

EL PASO, Tex., April 17.—The supposed body of Pancho Villa has been delayed in arriving at Cusuhirachic, for passage to Chihuahua City, Carranza Consul Garcia announced this afternoon, indicating that it may be days before it is definitely established whether or not the bandit leader is dead.

The remains reported exhumed near Satevo probably will not reach Chihuahua until tomorrow, Garcia stated.

The 40 Americans principally newspapermen and motion-picture camera operators, who started for Chihuahua City to view the body, also were delayed. Their special train which left early today was stalled after covering 10 miles.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—General Funston late today reported to the War Department that six Mexicans who took part in the raid on Columbus, N. M., had been captured and turned over to the sheriff of that town. The report was forwarded to General Funston by Major Sample, commanding the forces now in Columbus.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 17.—Private L. M. Schenberg, sent into Parral, ahead of the column to announce the coming of Major Tompkins' command, never returned and is believed to have been killed, General Pershing stated this afternoon in a supplementary report on the Parral affair. Pershing's report bore out previous indications of treachery, army officers declared.

Pancho Villa is dead and his body is en route to Chihuahua City, according to Mexican reports today.

The United States demands absolute identification of the corpse before altering its expedition to get Villa or withdrawing its troops. To this end, Consul Letcher has been instructed to view the body upon its arrival in Chihuahua City. General Pershing, who is supposed to be not far from Chihuahua, also should be able to identify the body if it is Villa's.

American officials, both on the border and at Washington, however, are inclined to doubt. They suspect a ruse to end the outlaw chase.

The evidence thus far indicating Villa really is dead includes:

Madera and Cusuhirachic telegraph operators on Mexican Northwestern Railway so report to Carranza Consul General at El Paso, Andreas Garcia.

Dispatcher on railroad at Juarez reports he heard a conversation on the wire that Villa's body was in the hands of Carranza troops.

Dr. W. L. Brown, one of the best-known practitioners in El Paso, says Villa has suffered so much from blood poisoning for a year that a slight wound would prove fatal. Doctor Brown has treated him for the trouble.

On the other hand, reports from Major Howze, commanding the 11th Cavalry, say that Villa has been definitely located west of Parral. Troops are being rushed in that direction and the pursuit continues.

U. S. DEMANDS ABSOLUTE IDENTIFICATION OF BODY

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Washington officials today discredited the reports from Carranza sources that Francisco Villa is dead and that his body is being

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THE WEATHER

The Evening Ledger prints today, as part of its weather news, the forecast for the whole of next week based on new discoveries in solar physics made by Willis L. Moore, professor of meteorology at the George Washington University, and former chief of the United States Weather Bureau, who, working in conjunction with W. F. Carothers, director of the Carothers Observatory at Houston, Tex., issues regularly a bulletin giving the results of his observations with regard to weather conditions. Professor Moore and his associates have accomplished some notable results, and have been able to forecast the weather two weeks in advance with remarkable accuracy in most instances, and the Evening Ledger, as a matter of scientific interest, and without assuming responsibility for the accuracy of these forecasts, prints them for public information.

WEATHER FORECAST

Based on a new discovery in Solar Physics by WILLIS L. MOORE and W. F. CAROTHERS Sunday, April 17.—The week will open with rising temperatures and showers. Monday, April 18, and Tuesday, April 19.—Clear weather Monday and light frost in the north. Wednesday, April 20.—Warmer and unsettled. Thursday, April 21, and Friday, April 22.—Clear weather Thursday and general frosts. Saturday, April 23.—Warmer with showers.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity.—Shows this afternoon followed by generally fair weather tonight and Tuesday, with no decided change in temperature; fresh westerly winds.

LOST AND FOUND

BUILDING—Lost, 1 month old Boston bull dog, white hair, black nose, red collar, black S. E. cor. 12th and Valley roads, Milton Park.

Other Lost and Found Ads on Page 12

VICTOR AND VICTIM IN TODAY'S MATCHES



R. Norris Williams, 2d, on the left, defeated Willis E. Davis, on the right, this afternoon at the Philadelphia Cricket Club by the score of 6-3, 6-1. This was one of the matches between the Harvard lawn tennis team and the Cricket Club.

CRISIS IN GREECE AT ALLIES' GRIP UPON RAILROADS

Resentment Flares Out at Moving of Serb Troops to Salonica

TEUTONS RUSH PROTEST

PARIS, April 17.—The Allies have established a naval base in Suda Bay on Crete Island, according to a dispatch from Athens.

LONDON, April 17. Decisive steps by the Allies have forced a new crisis at Athens with the possibility that Greece may find herself thrust into war against her will.

Following the adjournment of the Greek Chamber of Deputies, the Greek Cabinet and the General Staff today assumed absolute control of the Government, says a dispatch from Athens.

The most important question which demands a solution now is the demand of the Allies for use of the railway lines for the transportation of Serbian troops from the Adriatic to the Aegean coast.

A strong protest has been lodged by the central committee against Greece, giving the Anglo-French forces control of the railway lines.

Greece is more completely under the domination of the Entente Powers than at any other time since operations became active in the Balkans. The indications are that Allied troops will be landed

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RAIN PREVENTS BALL GAMES

Neither Phillies Nor Athletics Able to Play This Afternoon

Rain, which fell heavily this morning both here and in New York, prevented the Phillies from meeting the Boston Braves at Broad and Lehigh and the Athletics from clashing with the Yankees at the Polo Grounds.

Manager Moran had intended to use Alexander today against Dick Rudolph. This pair will probably start in the box for their respective clubs tomorrow afternoon. The Mackmen are again scheduled to play in New York.

\$25,000 PAID ON CHESTERTON AT HAVRE DE GRACE RACES

Lobelia and Tammerlane Are Other Winners Afternoon

HAVRE DE GRACE RACE TRACK, April 17.—The second day of racing, like the first, was marred by rain, and the track was soggy. Chesterton, Lobelia and Tammerlane took first money in the first, second and third races, respectively. Chesterton, an outsider, hit the machines for \$25.00 to win, \$15 to place and \$4.10 to show. Summary:

FIRST RACE, for 3-year-olds and up, selling, 4 furlongs. 1. Lobelia, 110, Laska, \$8.10 \$3.80 \$4.50 2. Alms, 118, \$10.00 3. Tactless, 115, Schmitt, 18.50 3.70 4. Pharaoh, 120, Doyle, 1.00 5. Time Hero, 112, Parrington, 1.00 6. The 31st August, 117, 2.00 7. Bob Olla also ran.

THIRD RACE, for 3-year-olds and up, selling, mile and 70 yards. 1. Tammerlane, 118, But, 18.50 \$4.30 2. Saururus, 107, Parrington, 8.50 3.00 3. Nibbler, 105, 1.00 4. Schreiber, 115, N. N. N., 1.00 5. Good Counsel and Chevon also ran.

FOURTH RACE, for 3-year-olds and up, the selling stakes, 1 mile. 1. Lobelia, 110, Laska, \$5.00 \$4.50 \$2.10 2. Time Hero, 112, Parrington, 1.00 3. The 31st August, 117, 2.00 4. Pharaoh, 120, Doyle, 1.00 5. Bob Olla also ran.

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STALLINGS DID NOT PREDICT BOSTON VICTORY

Braves' Leader Also Declares He Did Not Say Phils Had No Chance

EXPLAINS POSITION

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER "I never predicted that the Braves would win the pennant easily, and I did not say that the Phillies did not have a chance to repeat."

George Stallings, manager of the Boston Braves, made this statement this afternoon, when asked what license he had to figure that the Phillies were out of the race before he had even seen them perform.

Stallings declared that he had passed no comment on the seven other teams in the National League, and he would not until the Braves had played every team.

What Stallings did say was that the seven National League teams would have to be stronger than they were last season or the Braves would win the pennant, as his team was almost 50 per cent. stronger than last season and a trifle stronger than his team which won the pennant and world's championship in 1914.

"I am not paying any attention to the other teams and don't say how we compare them until we have played them all. I think the Braves are much stronger than last season, and the team is really better than the world's championship team, though its fighting ability is yet to be tested."

"The Phillies probably are stronger than last season, and while I am confident that the Braves will surprise the fans, I have not criticized Moran's team. On what we

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DOROTHY ARNOLD MYSTERY REVIVED BY CONVICT'S TALE

Girl Who Disappeared on December 12, 1910, Said to Be Dead

BURIED IN A CELLAR

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17.—The mystery of the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, the New York heiress, may be solved by investigations started by the police today, following the confession of an inmate of a Rhode Island penal institution, who said the young woman is dead. While the police were searching for the body, the names of the convict and his accomplices were withheld.

His knowledge of the mystery, the convict declares, begins only after the death of the girl. He says he does not know what the "job" was, but he was paid \$250 for his part in disposing of the girl's body.

"The job was framed in a 7th avenue saloon in New York," the convict says. "A rich man took another fellow and myself to New Rochelle late one night. We were told to protect the gentleman in case of trouble. I did not know what the job was about but was paid \$250 for my part."

"We reached a house just outside of New Rochelle, and a man brought a woman out in his arms. We were driven through New York to West Point, where the unconscious woman was carried into the house and placed on a couch."

"The next night the limousine called for me at the New York saloon and we went to the house outside West Point. The same gentleman carried the woman wrapped in a sheet to the cellar, where a grave was dug and she was buried."

"The girl was Dorothy Arnold. I had nothing to do with the job but was prepared to protect the gentleman in case of trouble."

"I sat alongside the woman during the ride in the limousine and can describe in every detail. If I dared, I could name the man who was hired with me. My life would be worth little if the gang that hangs around the Seventh avenue saloon knew I told of my part in the job."

"The convict has recently acquired religion, it is said, and made the confession in order to ease his conscience. The prisoner, who has served six months of a two years' sentence, described jewelry, which, he said, he had seen on the girl's body, and declared he was positive she was Dorothy Arnold. He also described in detail the appearance of the doctor, together with a young man who hired the limousine. He asserted that he was able to point out the location of both houses."

The prisoner was born and brought up in New York.

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TWO SCHOOL GAMES OFF

Second Team League, However, Plays According to Schedule

Rain this morning caused the postponement of the scholastic baseball games scheduled between Philadelphia and Penn Charter, at Queen Lane, and Episcopal Academy and Lower Merion, slated for the latter's grounds.

This same rain, however, had no effect on the second team league of the public high schools. About 1 o'clock, when it was seen that the sprinkling of moisture of hydrogen had abated, it was announced that the club organization would play its inaugural games. West Philadelphia High second lined up against Catholic High second, and Northeast second met Central High second.

BOYS CONFESS SHORE THEFTS

Admit Looting Handsome Cottage at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, April 17.—Search for professional thieves, to whom detectives attributed the raiding of a handsome cottage on North Carolina avenue near the beach front, an exclusive district, terminated today.

Boy (thieves, under arrest for robbing farmers of Chelsea villa, confessed they had ransacked the cottage from top to bottom, doing damage estimated at hundreds of dollars. Most of the furniture was wantonly defaced.



WM. EDWARD EDDY

AUTO TRUCK KILLS BOY

William E. Eddy Was Playing at 55th and Webster Streets

William E. Eddy, 10 years old, of 1945 South Frazier street, was killed by a motor truck this afternoon at 55th and Webster streets. He is the fourth victim of such an accident in the last three weeks.

The boy was playing in the street, and according to Walter O'Brien, the driver, ran directly in front of the vehicle. O'Brien turned the truck when the boy was struck by the front wheels and prevented the rear wheels from passing over his body.

He placed the boy in the truck, and went with all possible speed to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. The boy was dead before he reached there. The truck belonged to John Wamamaker. The dead boy's mother is in Newark, N. J. He lived at the South Frazier street house with William Burke, an uncle.

LATEST SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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ADDITIONAL HAVRE DE GRACE RACING RESULTS

Sixth race, aiden 3-year-olds and up, winners of one race only, selling 5 furlongs—Virginia W., 105, Schuttinger, \$23.00, \$8.40, \$4.70, won; Casco, 100, Parrington, \$5.00, \$4.40, second; Life, 90, Mountain \$10.70, third. Time, 1:02 1-5. Precision, Handful, Elsie Bonero, Semper Stalwart, Memory, Trend, Examiner, Allen Smith and Dr. Zab also ran.

TWO AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED EASTERN CITY

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Consul Lathrop, at Cardiff, Wales, late today reported to the State Department that two Americans were aboard the British steamship Eastern City, sunk near Cardiff April 9 by shell fire from a submarine. The submarine's nationality was not given.

STANDARD OIL TO CUT BIG MELON

CLEVELAND, O., April 17.—Directors of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio today announced a special meeting of shareholders for May 25 to authorize a \$3,500,000 dividend, or 100 per cent, to consist of new stock. The company's balance sheet of December 31 last shows a surplus of \$5,749,935, and total assets of \$12,951,703. Current earnings are said to be the greatest in the history of the concern.

SENATE CALLS STANDARD OIL A TRUST

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Senate this afternoon formally declared the Standard Oil Company a trust, adopting a resolution by Mr. Martine, of New Jersey, which so described the organization. The resolution called also for an investigation into why the price of gasoline is soaring toward the 40-cent mark, despite the Federal Trade Commission's report that there is plenty of crude oil on hand.

P. R. T. RECEIPTS SHOW DECIDED INCREASE

A decided increase in receipts was shown this afternoon at a meeting of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by the reports for the month of March, 1916, and also for the nine months of the fiscal year ending March 31. The surplus for March, 1916, was \$184,824, as compared with \$32,720 for the corresponding month in 1915. In March, 1914, there was a deficit of \$41,017. For the nine months ending March 31 the surplus was \$951,159, as against \$174,101 for 1915 and \$148,000 for the same period of 1914.

CHILIAN PRESIDENT RECEIVES McADOO

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 17.—The President of Chile today tendered a reception to the Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the International High Commission arriving from the United States on the cruiser Tennessee. The reception was a brilliant affair, attended by many diplomats and their wives.

GASOLINE PRICE DROPS

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—The Pierce Oil and Gas Company has dropped the price of gasoline 1 cent a gallon from 39 to 38 cents. Standard Oil is blamed for the drop. For six weeks Standard Oil has been selling gasoline in this country for 19.3 cents per gallon.

BURGLARS GET \$10,000 IN GOLD AND SILVER PLATE

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 17.—Burglars today broke into Springside, the estate of Mrs. William Nelson, and stole \$10,000 worth of gold and silver plate. The place was formerly owned by Matthew Vassar, founder of Vassar College.

WOULD CUT "PORK" FROM RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

WASHINGTON, April 17.—A bill declared by its author to eliminate "pork" from river and harbor improvements and to represent the President's views on the subject was introduced today by Senator Newlands as a complete substitute for the House bill. It provides a permanent waterways commission of experts to plan and carry out improvements on a continued and comprehensive scale. It has been urged by President Wilson as a part of this session's legislation which should be passed.

AGED OPTICIAN DISAPPEARS A SECOND TIME

Oliver C. Hess, a 65-year-old optician, disappeared today from his home at 1607 Walnut street, leaving no message as to his intentions. On March 31 he also disappeared. At that time he left a note saying that he would return on April 4, which he did. Doctor Hess had his office at 17th street below Market. The Detective Bureau has been asked to investigate.

'INDIA NOT FOOLED BY GERMANS,' SAYS MUSLEM CHIEF

PARIS, April 17.—"East Indians have not been fooled by the German propaganda. India is the safest place in the world." This is the message to America of the Aga Khan spiritual head, or Pope, of millions of Indian Moslems, a descendant of Mohammed and of the most influential Indian potentates. He also said America attaches too great importance to reports of Indian secession, which are really due to an insignificant handful of agitators. The country as a whole is contented and loyal.